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3 Suppressed Stories

GENERAL MACARTHUR is the man of the hour. Every newspaperman knows that MacArthur is news. But when America's hero cabled American unions his confidence in labor many newspapers, busily engaged in the great lie campaign against labor, suppressed the story.

MacArthur cabled March 31: "Labor has played its magnificent part in every great war." He called labor "the indestructible backbone that will determine the present vital struggle." Recipient was the CIO, 5,000,000 strong. MacArthur cabled: "May God bless you all for your splendid patriotism." Recipient: AFL, 5,000,000 strong.

The New York Times April 1 did not print this story. Next day it buried it under a tiny heading, page 4. The Times was either scooped the day before, or it suppressed it. Thousands of papers never mentioned it.

Two other big stories suppressed same anti-labor press week: (1) CIO's official request to Accounts Committee (Apr 3) to withhold money grant to Dies Committee because Dies has failed to go after nation's enemies; (2) nationwide radio appeal of Congressman Eliot of Massachusetts (Columbia, Apr 5) accusing Dies of being useful to Nazi radio propaganda; demanding Dies show his Americanism by resigning; appealing to all America to write Congressmen to withhold money for committee if Dies remains head.

All three suppressed stories were featured in liberal press. While NY Times suppressed both Dies items, NY DNews, no friend of liberals or labor, made Eliot story main item page 6 (headline: "DENOUNCES DIES' SPY HUNT AS AID TO AXIS PROPAGANDA") because it was newsworthy.

The CIO spent thousands of dollars in a page ad in NYT Apr 4 to publicize MacArthur cable, following failure of press to print the news. The AFL previously used page ad to expose press falsehood campaign re 40-hour-week. Apparently it pays papers to suppress the news and take ads.

Who Protects Pro-Nazi?

ALTHOUGH Vice-President Wallace exposed Congressman Dies as doing the work of a Nazi agent in America (NY Times, p 1, Mar 30) and although Pres Roosevelt denounced Dies as a liar more than a year ago and Wendell Willkie said in 1940 that Dies is an enemy of American democracy, Congressmen still may give him \$50,000 or \$100,000 unless there is a public protest. (Editorially we urge a protest).

Most Congressmen agree Wallace was right when he said that Dies' statements "might as well come from . . . Goebbels

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THE greatest campaign of falsehood since Pearl Harbor, the "prairie fire" against labor which the press started with the Oklahoma and Texas newspaper falsehood telling the public there is a law preventing men from working more than 40 hours a week, has been followed by a conspiracy of silence (see narrow column) in which a large part of our "free" press suppressed stories which would have aided America's morale for winning the war.

At the same time IN FACT has discovered that while many newspapers were slandering labor they themselves were engaged in an enterprise which the Canadian Gov't and the US Dep't of Justice should investigate immediately to see if it is merely sabotage of the war program, or treasonable.

The press which attacked labor—all but 6% according to poll by Twohey Associates—also printed fake stories exploiting our brave soldiers of Bataan, saying strikes and wage disputes held up airplanes, aluminum, every kind of help for MacArthur.

IN FACT learns that the truth is that American and Canadian business men and newspaper owners who have big power plants in Canada have for a long time faced the choice of permitting production of airplane aluminum to defeat Hitler or producing more and more newsprint paper on which to print ads for money—and chose the latter.

It is true that Aluminum Co (owned by Mellon, Davis and Duke families) has been cleared by a US judge of being a monopoly, but the documentary evidence proves it guilty of being in a cartel or trust arrangement with Nazi-Germany (also France, Canada, etc) whereby Hitler got unlimited aluminum for his war machine, while US airplane program was curtailed. This scandal, however, would be minor compared to the major scandal which a Canadian-US investigation of US publishers activities in Canada may develop. Let us look at the facts.

Water Power Vital for Aluminum

Fact No 1: Airplanes are largely made of aluminum.

Fact No 2: Aluminum depends on electric (water) power. The Economist states: "For the past 47 years Alcoa has controlled and produced 100% of domestic virgin aluminum. The domination of the market, the dictation of monopoly prices and the elimination of competitors have made Alcoa a perfect monopoly. Alcoa obstructed others from entering into production of aluminum and bought out those few who succeeded in entering the field. It destroyed rivals before they could establish themselves.

"Electric power is essential to the making of aluminum. Between 1895 and 1924 Alcoa purchased power under long-term contracts from all private companies in the US and Canada, stipulating in each contract a clause which prohibited the sale of power to other producers of aluminum. It bought up all the power rights on both sides of the St Lawrence and prevented the US and Canadian governments from developing the power possibilities of this region.

"Not only did Alcoa put Nazi Germany [through contract with Hitler's I G Farbenindustrie, same corporation which tied up Standard Oil on rubber] in a better position to produce aluminum than the US, but it continues to sabotage the American defense program. This fact was brought out before the Truman Committee. . . . These actions of Alcoa have placed the defenses of the US in serious jeopardy. A soldier who puts his country in danger is courtmartialled; a spy is brought to trial for treason. Alcoa's acts are at least as reprehensible. The above facts accuse Alcoa of giving aid and comfort to Nazi Germany, first by helping it to expand production, and now by refusing to expand American production. Alcoa must be brought to trial for its treasonable act." (Source: US Week, Oct 25, 1941). Since then Germany has attacked, and Alcoa has expanded electric plants for aluminum production, thanks to gov't orders and aid.

U S PUBLISHERS' PLANTS HOG WATER POWER

Fact No 3: American publishers own big power plants in Canada.

One of the never-published scandals about American newspaper publishing is the story of Canadian newsprint. Here is one example: The American Newspaper Publishers Association lobby in Washington at one time sent a telegram to every newspaper owner, and especially to all Republicans who editorially yelled for tariffs on everything ("to protect the American workman!") to insist on no tariff on newsprint and pulp. Congressmen, who owed elections largely to newspaper support, did what the press told them and in every tariff bill exceptions were always made to pay off the press.

More recently millionaire publishers began buying up timber lands in Canada and establishing their own pulp mills. Here are some of the biggest:

Col R R McCormick, Chicago Tribune

Captain J M Patterson, New York Daily News

Eleanor Patterson, Washington Times-Herald

own the following companies:

Tonawanda Paper Co

Ontario Paper Co

And steamship lines connected with them.

A H Sulzberger, Col J Adler, owners of New York Times, own 49% interest in Spruce Falls Power & Paper Co, Canada.

Minneapolis Tribune owns Manistique Pulp & Paper Co, in Michigan.

St Paul Dispatch is interested in a paper mill.

Spokane Spokesman-Review has an interest in a mill.

International Paper & Power Co, most of whose operations are in Canada, is one of the biggest public utilities in the country, and includes publishers among its directors and stock and bondholders. Ogden Reid, owner of the NYHerald Tribune, owned 10,761 preferred shares valued at \$283,821 in IP&P according to the will of his mother, Mrs Whitelaw Reid, and was a director.

In the sensational (and mostly suppressed) revelations of the Federal Trade Commission inquiry into the corruption of America by the public utilities, it was testified that International Paper & Power went into the business of buying up papers and taking mortgages on them in exchange for loans. Papers named:

Chicago Daily News

Chicago Journal

Knickerbocker Press

Albany Evening News

Boston Herald-Traveler

Brooklyn Eagle

Augusta Chronicle

Columbia Record

Spartansburg Herald-Journal

The Brooklyn Eagle and two NY papers were then owned by Frank E Gannett, who immediately after the FTC expose rushed out and got bank loans to replace the IPP interests. Later, in a debate with Mr Ickes, Gannett maintained that he dealt with the International Paper Co before it was absorbed by the International Paper & Power Co.

But the most important testimony given was the admission that IPP's income was 65% from electric power in 1929, and that some years power income rose to 75%. In other words, it was more a power than a paper company.

Fact No 4: The US-owned companies used power to make newsprint rather than making the power available to manufacture aluminum for airplanes.

Ever since the Alcoa scandal exploded in 1941 the US government has been allocating TVA, Bonneville, other power districts and building plants to rush the necessary aluminum for the airplanes to defeat Fascism. During all this time not a word has appeared in print about the power plants owned by American publishers, which have made newsprint in Canada at an increased rate.

No Newsprint Shortage . . . Just an Aluminum Shortage

What has been the result?

"Production of Canadian newsprint for the first two months of this year (1942) amounted to 590,005 tons, an increase of 16.4% over the like 1941 period and the highest output for these two months in many years, according to Newsprint Service Bureau. Shipments were 556,619 tons, while mill stocks amounted to 156,957 tons. US production was 76,234 tons, a decline of 4.7% from 1941." (Source: New York Times financial section, page 29, col 2, Apr 9).

That the American and Canadian newspaper publishers and other business men who own the power and paper companies know that the choice was between airplanes and advertising revenue is evident from the Times heading:

HITCH ON NEWSPRINT UNLIKELY TILL FALL

Canada's 'Aluminum or Paper' Dilemma fails to worry publishers here. and the story says:

"Despite the possibility that Canada will be forced to divert electric power from the manufacture of newsprint to that of aluminum, newsprint interests and publishers declared yesterday that the situation will probably not become serious until the Fall.

"For months it has been known that eventually Canada will be forced to choose between maintained production of newsprint and increased output of aluminum, it was pointed out. Therefore, the report yesterday that Canada has finally recognized this dilemma officially and has put the problem up to the US

himself" and the effect on our morale of Dies' "malicious distortions" . . . "would be less damaging if Mr Dies were on the Hitler payroll," but they are afraid Dies will go into their districts next election and say they did not support redbaiting if they refuse him money.

However, the most powerful force in America is back of Dies and keeps him going despite the fact he is doing Hitler's work and averages about 90% falsehood to 10% fact. That force is the American press, which repays Dies for his work in behalf of the advertising agencies which want to kill consumer movements and other critics of crooked advertising.

Adv Men Not Aiding War

THE advertising industry got columns of free space in all papers (Feb 16) when it announced itself mobilizing to aid America win the war. Chester LaRoche heads Advertising Council. Feb 18 Publisher David Munro of Space & Time challenged LaRoche, who promised an answer but failed to write it. Munro asked LaRoche to repudiate aid to Dies "in name of all advertising." Munro informed LaRoche of evidence linking Dies to Nazi propaganda, and concluded:

"Ordinarily this would mean nothing to a super trade ass'n such as the (Advertising) Council. But the members of your Council can and do exert more pressure on the American press than any other group in America. This has been openly used in the past to cause editors to publicize the Dies Committee into a position of great national power. In this you have a special concern, since it has been alleged that the Dies report upon the Consumer Movement was written in your office and since Young & Rubicam had as clients three large companies under Dep't of Justice surveillance for their Nazi connections, to wit: Sterling Products (subsidiary) Agfa-Ansco Corp and Lever Bros. (Note: Dep't of Justice has since driven Nazi connections out.) It has never been shown that advertising . . . including the American Newspaper Publishers Ass'n has since dropped Martin Dies. This continues to look bad. . . . The members of the Council will be held responsible for the publicity success of the Dies committee until notice to the contrary."

When Martin Dies, after conferring with Hearst editors and the National Association of Manufacturers's stooge George Sokolsky, issued a series of falsehoods against consumers organizations and cooperatives in an effort to whitewash Hearst's Good Housekeeping, which had been found guilty by Federal Trade Commission of issuing phony seals of approval, Space & Time stated: "Advertising might have faced similar public indignation after the Hearst-Bristol-Lund-Young & Rubicam group were caught redhanded meddling with the authority of Congress, turning Martin Dies loose like a mad rattlesnake on unprotected and innocent citizens. But advertising is fortunate in that it also controls the press."

The facts are that the highest officials conducting the war against Hitler consider Martin Dies a liar and a worker for Hitler and that the American press has been the power which keeps the native Nazi in Congress.

White House Statement

READERS of more than a thousand newspapers who notice the initials "UP" at the beginning of a story and espe-

cially readers of the NY World-Telegram, should be interested in the following statement from the White House:

"The reading public is entitled to a statement from the President—a statement of warning which has been made necessary by a news story issued through the United Press (UP) today and already printed in more papers and on the United Press ticker service. . . .

"The United Press has been guilty of a falsification of the actual facts. If called upon to give the source of the information they will decline to give it—another usual subterfuge.

"The fact remains that the story is contrary to every fact.

"I am calling this to the attention of the public because it represents a culmination of other false news stories to which the attention of the United Press has been called by me and by my office on previous occasions.

"It is of course impossible for the White House to deny every false story. . . . I am giving this in the form of a statement relating specifically to the United Press because I do not wish it to be considered as an indictment of the newspapers of the US or other press associations. . . .

"This is the truth, and it is a great pity that this simple truth . . . has been disregarded by a press association.

Franklin D Roosevelt."

The reader will note that the President accuses UP of many falsehoods previous to the date of this statement (July 13 1939.)

The head of the UP, World-Telegram, Scripps-Howard (19 papers in 18 cities) is Roy Howard, one of the most notorious anti-labor publishers in America and tied with Hearst for first place in redbaiting and falsification of news. Howard employs brasscheck writers such as Frederick Woltman to smear pro-labor publications, such as IN FACT. The answer is that the documentary evidence shows that Howard is a liar.

"Arm Africa"—Robeson

EQUAL rights and equal guns for Negroes is the slogan of America's great Negro leader (and singer) Paul Robeson who appealed for the 160,000,000 Negroes in Africa as well as the 15,000,000 in the US at a rally held by Council on African Affairs (NYC Apr 8).

"Soon Africa will be in the headlines," he said; "There will soon come a time when the 160,000,000 African Negroes will stand between Hitler and Dakar, Hitler and South America, Hitler and New York." Pearl Buck, Nobel novelist, warned against distrust between racial and religious groups which Hitler's agents are fomenting here.

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did not come as a surprise to American interests.

"American newspaper publishers are taking numerous steps to conserve newsprint, not because there is any immediate shortage but because of eventualities expected, such as the Canadian need for power for aluminum output. . . ."

The newsprint manufacturers have a Service Bureau, at 342 Madison Avenue, where R S Kellogg, secretary, welcomes "anybody looking for facts." Questioned about the newsprint vs aluminum situation by a representative of IN FACT, Kellogg was most optimistic about the situation. The only trouble was that he saw the situation as: newsprint vs no newsprint.

"There's no newsprint shortage," he said. "Stocks are up in the US and consumption is declining, as advertising shrinks and papers print less pages. Aluminum? Well, they've got a newsprint control in Canada, just as they have a control for everything. I don't know just what they're confabbing about in Washington now, but you can take it from us, that there *simply is no newsprint shortage.*"

The facts are that Canada was in this war in Sept 1939; that Canada and Britain needed airplanes and aluminum; that newsprint instead of airplane aluminum was manufactured.

Interesting fact also is the attack on labor by Canadian newspapers and Canadian officials of the same stripe as the Smith-Dies-Cox-Hoffman native Fascist clique in the US. Fascist Canadians who fought the CIO and Fascist Canadian newspapers which smeared labor are no different from US labor-baiters, but the fact not hitherto published is that all the time labor was attacked these same interests said nothing about the failure of the paper-power corporations, owned or directed by Canadian-American newspapers, to curtail newsprint manufacture and save their countries from Fascism by letting the power be used for making aluminum instead.

Two commentators have mentioned the matter. Walter Winchell's Sunday broadcast predicted a big scandal. Cal Tinney said (WOR Apr 10) "it will soon be a question of flying fortresses or comic pages." Cal Tinney did not blame publishers, apparently not knowing of publisher ownership of plants which could have made flying fortresses since 1939, and which still do not do so. (By the way: listen to Cal Tinney and write his sponsor if you agree he is an antidote for the poisonous anti-labor, anti-liberal propaganda put out by such commentators as Kaltenborn. For every letter you write protesting Boake Carter, H V Kaltenborn or other enemies of labor, write one boosting a square talker like Tinney.)

From the NYTimes pussyfooting statement and a discreet article in Editor & Publisher (Apr 11, p 2) it is evident that rumor of a major scandal is spreading. E&P stated that Canadian officials had informed War Production Board (WPB) that US must choose between aluminum and newsprint, that Wm L Batt denied receiving notification, that a conference was held April 10 where the necessity of getting Canadian aluminum was stressed. E&P, which always whitewashes publishers, its big advertisers, then states:

"The official message from the Dominion confirmed a fear that has been held by the newsprint and paper sections of the war agency for many months. Every reference to maintenance of newsprint supplies has been linked to the suggestion that 'war needs' might result in strict curtailment of production. . . . Hydro-electric power is required for the production of both newsprint and aluminum and the Dominion authorities have found that they can generate sufficient power to maintain present supplies of newsprint and aluminum, but cannot step up production of either except by slighting the less-needed commodity."

What is not mentioned is the fact that since 1939 more and more power was used to make newsprint instead of converting most of it to aluminum.

Addressing Ontario legislature (Apr 8) Lt-Col Geo A Drew mentioned dispatch from Washington which said Canada had advised US it had not enough power for the manufacture of aluminum, magnesium, nickel and other metals and at the same time produce newsprint sufficient for US requirement.

It is evident that when the scandal breaks US publishers will defend themselves by saying that Canadian government failed to order them to convert from newsprint to aluminum, that Canada, not American newspaper owners, will be blamed.

ROOSEVELT TIRED OF NEWSPAPER TREASON

THE arrest of smalltime Fascists such as Christians, Jones, Noble and Pelley on charges of sedition followed a conference of US Army officials, White House advisors, and the President. It is known in Washington that President Roosevelt realizes that there is considerable treason abroad in the land, much of it following the line of the German radio broadcasts, but the question undecided is what to do about the big shots who may not technically be committing treason in wartime but nevertheless encourage the enemy.

Washington correspondents know just whom the military authorities have in mind, but so far few names have been named. But there are hints. Here are some indications of a major Washington problem:

1. (From John O'Donnell's column, Capital Stuff, March 30): "Last night members of the Cabinet and Supreme Court were guests at the Willard of the Overseas Writers Ass'n and heard some bloodthirsty appeals, with much talk of concentration camps and treason, from ex-reporters now turned starry-eyed crusaders at so much per month or per lecture.

"The American press which had opposed this nation's intervention into the

war before the Pearl Harbor attack was hammered lustily, with the anvil chorus led by three former reporters of the Chicago Tribune. . . .

"Roosevelt advisors . . . applauded lustily such declarations as: 'The American Senate must be taught the facts of life. . . . The important thing is to put an end (to criticism of the Roosevelt Administration) by whatever means may be necessary—be as ruthless as the enemy. . . . Get him on his income tax or the Mann Act. . . . Hang him, shoot him or lock him up in a concentration camp.'"

Readers will note that O'Donnell put his own phrase in parenthesis about "criticism of the Roosevelt Administration" whereas the speakers talked about treason, sabotage of the war effort, etc, and not about criticism.

O'Donnell also failed to state (or his newspapers suppressed the fact) that the former Chicago Tribune correspondents named the Chicago Tribune and its owners, Col McCormick and Capt Patterson, as candidates for hanging, shooting or the concentration camp. Moreover, the attack was not made on papers which opposed intervention before Pearl Harbor but those papers which since Pearl Harbor have continued to publish news, editorials and cartoons which must please Hitler.

Also mentioned as Hitlerite publisher who should be tried for treason or put in jail was Charles E Coughlin. It was suggested that the income tax law under which Al Capone and M L Annenberg were retired from circulation could be invoked in an investigation of Coughlin's financing.

2. (From Pearson & Allen's column, March 25): "Finally White House advisors, alarmed over the situation (caused by denunciations of our war against the Axis and pleasure over Jap victories—paragraph 2) took the matter direct to the President. They laid before him a mass of evidence dealing with Noble, Father Coughlin, Francis P Moran [Boston Christian Front leader], Gerald L K Smith of Michigan [who has just established a fascist monthly] and Charles B Hudson of Omaha.

"One document shown Roosevelt was the March 16 issue of Coughlin's weekly publication [Social Justice] . . . After carefully examining the evidence the President summoned Biddle, ordered him to get tough and to do so immediately."

However, no action will be taken against Coughlin until the archbishop of Detroit officially disowns him. The diocese has officially disowned Social Justice but not the priest who founded it and whose expression it is today, although technically owned by his father and mother. Until the Catholic Church acts against its own Fascists, the Administration is frightened to take action.

Every anti-Fascist Catholic in America wants the suppression of Coughlin's Social Justice and an order from his bishop taking Coughlin out of politics. The Church in America has always insisted that it does not play politics, and Coughlin has always been the main proof of anti-Catholics that the Church is linked to clerico-fascist politics. Leading Catholic publications such as the late Cardinal Mundelein's New World, the Pittsburgh Catholic, the Florida Catholic, the Commonweal, etc, have always been anti-Coughlin. The Commonweal exposed Coughlin (in a documented article by Monsignor Ryan) as a liar and peddler of forgeries and falsehood. (Dec 30 1938 issue).

THREE WEEKS TO GO!

IN FACT's subscription contest is in the home stretch—it passes under the wire midnight May 8th. Three weeks to go. "THE FACTS ARE . . . A Guide to Falsehood and Propaganda in the News and Radio," George Seldes' latest and most important book, is on the press. He wrote it especially for this contest. Robert Josephy is doing the typography. You will not be able to purchase this book. You get it as a contestant. To become a contestant, you must send in 5 subs or renewals to IN FACT at \$1 each. More than 30,000,000 Americans (as several public opinion polls show) doubt the honesty of the commercial press. You know at least five people who are ready to subscribe to IN FACT. We suggest you mention it to your next door neighbor, your shopmate, the conductor, or anyone else who wants the truth in the news. But do it now. Only three more weeks to go!

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founder, Sir Henri Deterding, Federation of Architects, Chemists and Technicians (FAECT) read into the record IN FACT's March 30 report on Deterding. Shell refuses to meet research workers union demands. Shell branch at Emeryville, Cal, refuses to grant researchers economic redress. Union also insists that all butadiene, buna, rubber, toluene, aviation gasoline and other secrets held there should be converted 100% to war effort. Marcel Scherer, FAECT vice-pres, is taking case to labor board.

"Nail That Lie"

UNDER the heading "Labor asks radio time to nail lies of commentators," railroad brotherhood organ "Labor" (Apr 7) tells the good news that it won't be necessary to pay NYTimes \$2,000 in the future to answer newspaper lies and give suppressed news, because AFL President Green and CIO President Murray have arranged with NBC for "Labor For Victory" program every Sat 10.15-10.30 pm beginning Apr 18.

Labor's victory program, answering radio commentators, newspapers and Congressional falsifiers, will be run by Len De Caux for CIO and Philip Pearl for AFL. The CIO has documented evidence that almost entire press has lied against labor. De Caux in official CIO News quotes poll showing virtually entire press spreading false propaganda against labor, 62% protecting those business corporations which were officially proved to be profiteering on war, and only 6% condemning such profiteering. "Worst offenders of all business-as-usual interests are those controlling America's daily press," says De Caux.

Labor knocked Boake Carter off the air once by a boycott. Carter slandered labor. Now labor will answer Hans von Kaltenborn, most important radio slanderer of labor recently.

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